IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HANKE, ET AL.

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For:

ANTI-MICROBIAL SILICONE RUBBER

COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR

MAKING SAME

Art Unit: 1712

Examiner: Marc S. Zimmer

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Examiner's Office Action of November 19 in which Examiner objected to Claims 1-14 on the basis of informalities, rejected Claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, and provisionally rejected Claims 1-14 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Please amend the above-identified application and enter Applicants' response into the record] as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.